

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 02/07/2008

SUBJECT: Weekly Report

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I. Top News Stories of the week

Environmental Protection Agency Gets Tough on Greka: Coming on the heels of a particularly troubling **rash of Greka Energy oil spills** in the past eight weeks, the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) threw down a gauntlet yesterday, promising to **fine the company up to \$32,000 a day** if they do not "immediately comply with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act."

II. Hot issues by State and Tribe

Arizona

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California

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Press Conference held Friday to discuss Greka Spills: Attended by the Associated Press, Santa Inez Valley Journal, KEYT ABC 3, Santa Barbara Daily News, KCOY CBS 12, Santa Maria Times, Univision, KSBY NBC 6. Robert Wise made a statement and answered questions on behalf of the EPA. The Associated Press toured for more than 1 hour with EPA and CA Fish and Game press staff following the news conference.

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Rep. Lois Capps (D-CA-23): Jim Vreeland continues to work with their office regarding the on going Greka Oil spills in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties; their office has been very supportive of our efforts and we will continue to update them on a regular basis. They may be considering a legislative approach to address situations like this in the future. The Congresswoman also wrote EPA a letter thanking us for our efforts in the area.

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Hawaii

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Nevada

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Pacific Territories

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III. Children's Health/Environmental Education

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IV. Compliance Assurance

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V. Web/Publishing

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Number of Views of Recent Press Releases on the R9 Web site:

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1/29 U.S. EPA to Greka: Clean up, or pay up 328

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1/31 U.S. EPA Takes Further Action Against Greka 82

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VI. Video Communications

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VII. General

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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATS:

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Attachments: Congressional Correspondence Controlled & FOIA

Congressional Correspondence - *Controlled by HQ to Region IX*

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Letters NOT controlled by HQ - *Written Directly to the Region*

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Overdue FOIA Assignments

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VIII. Items for Office of Planning and Public Affairs

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Enforcement & Compliance Assurance

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